Senate File 392 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 392 BY QUIRMBACH

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act providing for the reporting of information relating to
- 2 student absences by school districts to the state department
- 3 of education.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

- 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.70 Student absence reporting.
- 2 l. For purposes of this section, "absence" means absence
- 3 from school for one full school day.
- 4 2. The department of education shall establish a uniform,
- 5 electronic system for the reporting of information relating to
- 6 student absences by school districts pursuant to this section.
- 7 3. A school district shall annually submit the following
- 8 information relating to student absences for the preceding
- 9 school year using the reporting system established pursuant to
- 10 this section:
- 11 a. The total number of student absences in the district.
- 12 b. The total number of unexcused student absences in the
- 13 district.
- 14 c. The total number of excused student absences in the
- 15 district.
- 16 d. The total number of student absences in the district due
- 17 to extracurricular activities.
- 18 e. The total number of student absences in the district due
- 19 to illness.
- 20 f. The total number of students in the district absent for
- 21 five or fewer school days.
- 22 g. The total number of students in the district absent for
- 23 at least six but not more than ten school days.
- 24 h. The total number of students in the district absent for
- 25 at least eleven but not more than eighteen school days.
- 26 i. The total number of students in the district absent for
- 27 more than eighteen school days.
- 28 j. Such other information as the department may require by
- 29 rule.
- 30 4. Information submitted via the electronic reporting
- 31 system shall not include personally identifying information of
- 32 students.
- 33 EXPLANATION
- 34 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
- 35 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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- 1 This bill requires the department of education to establish
- 2 a uniform, electronic system for the reporting of information
- 3 relating to student absences by school districts. The bill
- 4 defines "absence" as absence from school for one full school
- 5 day.
- 6 The bill requires school districts to annually submit
- 7 certain information relating to student absences for the
- 8 preceding school year via the electronic reporting system. The
- 9 bill provides that information submitted via the reporting
- 10 system shall not include personally identifying information of
- 11 students.